

'68 Center for Career Exploration

Experiential learning and career exploration are integral themes of Winter Study. The '68 Center for Exploration has developed several courses for you to take advantage of at various stages of your career development.

For folks who are just getting started exploring careers, we've created a deep dive with our immersive CCE 42: Exploring Careers course. Students don't need any background or specific career interests in mind to benefit from this career exploration intensive. First years and sophomores are an ideal fit for this course, which will cover basic career skills development areas like self-assessment, resume, cover letter, interviewing, and networking. With subgroups in STEM, Arts & Media, Business, and Social Impact, students will have the opportunity to connect with alums and others working in fields of interest. At the end of the course, we will take a 3-day trip to New York City to visit organizations in fields students are particularly interested in.

For those who have identified interests in particular industries and are looking to go deeper into skill and knowledge building in those areas, the '68 Center partners with alumni and community members to offer a growing number of courses. From healthcare shadowing to EMT training to investing in real funds to entrepreneurship basics, these courses will give students an opportunity to network and get exposure through observation and practice in career fields they are interested in.

Our winter study internship course (CCE21) is open to all majors and class years (please note: first years must remain on campus but can work locally or remotely). Participating in a winter study internship is the opportunity to be immersed full time with an organization to explore a potential career interest via this short timeframe. While the '68 Center posts some internships for CCE21, many students find or create internships independently. Career advisors are happy to meet with you throughout the fall semester to help you develop your strategy and support you in your Winter Study internship search.

Most of the '68 Center courses will have applications to fill out with deadlines starting in the middle of October. If you're wondering which courses would be the best fit for you, [meet with a career advisor](#), and we can help you navigate the options!

CCE 58 Careers & Impact in Healthcare: Voices from Beyond the Purple Valley

Healthcare accounts for nearly 20% of the US GDP and it's nearly impossible to overstate the impact the industry has on our lives today and will have on our society in the future. Clearly, careers in healthcare can involve the practice of clinical medicine and the conduct of medical research. However, careers in healthcare can also intersect with numerous areas in the private sector, including: finance, investing, consulting, marketing, biotechnology/pharmaceuticals, medical devices, technology, law, start-ups and more. If you have an interest in healthcare, this course is your chance to discover the breadth of career paths available to you. The cornerstone of the course will involve guest speakers working in various areas of healthcare, with a focus on the practice of medicine and a range of roles in the private sector. Guest speakers will share their firsthand experience with you, including: what they do; how they got there; what they love about their job; what challenges they face; and how they view their long term impact in healthcare. Students in this course will also have opportunities for self-reflection around career path and will gain hands-on exposure to the day-to-day activities in different healthcare roles. Insights on how to obtain a job in various healthcare sectors will flow naturally from the course discussions. However, the focus of this course is less on the brass tacks of *how* to get there (resumés, qualifications, networking, and interviewing). Instead, it is your chance to dream a little, by exploring careers you may not have fully considered (or even heard of!) and to create a vision for how you can contribute to the healthcare industry after graduation. Guest speaker visits will take place during class hours; active listening and engaged participation during these visits is the main expectation of students. Other assignments may include readings, individual and group exercises, and short written reflections.

Requirements/Evaluation: Other: Participation in class lectures and discussions will be paramount; short written reflection pieces and exercises will also be evaluated.

Prerequisites: The only prerequisite is enthusiasm for the subject matter. Open to all years and all majors. No prior experience in healthcare is required.

Enrollment Limit: 30

Enrollment Preferences: If needed, this can be determined by lottery.

Expected Class Size: NA

Grading:

Unit Notes: Sarah is an investor in biotechnology at StemPoint Capital. Previously, she worked in biotech equity research, marketing consulting, and clinical research. Sarah received her BA from Williams and her MBA in Healthcare Management from Wharton.

Attributes: STUX Winter Study Student Exploration WELL Winter Study Wellness

Not offered current academic year